

SHOREVIEWS

Shoreview City Newsletter



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Shoreview Northern Lights Band • 2012 • Shoreview-Einhausen Sister City Association

Musikcorps der freiwilligen Feuerwehr Einhausen

Shoreview Hosts Musikcorps Band: 600 Miles, 3 States, 18 Days

A longtime dream of the Shoreview Einhausen Sister City Association (SESCA) will come true in July 2012 as more than 40 members of the Musikcorps Band arrive from our sister city in Einhausen, Germany. The purpose of their visit is to participate in local events and foster building of personal exchanges and interactions with Shoreview area residents.

Shoreview will host the North American Tour of the Musikcorps. The band is made up of volunteer firefighters and others from the Einhausen area. Their music is a mix of cool arrangements, a lively sound and fiery concert experiences with a mix of pop, classical rock and traditional music. The band will travel 600 miles in 18 days to tour 3 states including: Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin. The

City of Shoreview is working with the Slice of Shoreview, the Shoreview Northern Lights Variety Band and the Shoreview Einhausen Sister City Association to make their visit memorable.

The North American tour begins in Chicago on July 13 and the band will play on July 14 at the world famous Navy Pier in Chicago. The tour then continues on to Wisconsin for some sight-seeing. Saving the best for last, the Musikcorps Band arrives in Minnesota on July 20.

On Saturday at the Slice of Shoreview, the group will be headquartered at the center lake side pavilion at Island Lake Park. Stop by to meet and greet them.

Shoreview highlights will include:

- Musikcorps Band joins the Shoreview Northern Lights Variety band to host a joint concert at Bethel University on Thursday, July 26, beginning at 7 p.m. This event is free to the public.
- The band will then march in the Slice of Shoreview parade on Saturday, July 28, at 10 a.m.
- Following the parade, the Musik Corps Band will play with the 451st Army Band at the Slice of Shoreview event at Island Lake Park.
- Sunday is a day of leisure for the Musik Corps Band, beginning with the Slice of Shoreview Pancake Breakfast at 8 a.m. and concluding with a sunset dinner cruise.

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The Shoreview
NORTHERN LIGHTS
VARIETY BAND

Thursday, July 26

The Shoreview Northern Lights Variety Band will host a joint concert with the Musikcorps Einhausen Band from Germany.





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| City Hall | 651.490.4600 |
| Community Center | 651.490.4700 |
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Police

Police protection is provided by the Ramsey County Sheriff's Department. The District Office is located at 1411 Paul Kirkwood Drive, Arden Hills, MN 55112.

For non-emergencies call **651.484.3366**

For emergencies call **911**

Fire

Fire protection is provided by the Lake Johanna Fire Department.

For emergencies call **911 Dispatch**

Non-emergency **651.767.0640**

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SHOREVIEW SUMMER FUN!

14th Annual Farmer's Market 2012

Tuesdays

June 19 - October 2 3-7 p.m.

October 9 & 16.....3-6 p.m.

The market is a weekly summer event that brings the community together featuring local fresh produce, handcrafted artisan items, live entertainment and activities for all ages and much more!



2012 Concert in the Commons

Wednesdays @ 7 p.m.

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| June 13 Dan Perry & Ice Cream..... | Variety |
| June 20 Six Appeal..... | A Capella |
| June 27 Mick Sterling..... | Rock/Blues |
| July 11 Dee Miller..... | Blues |
| July 18 Forty Shades of Green..... | Irish |
| July 25 Kurt Jorgensen Band..... | Original |
| Aug. 1 D'Boys..... | Country & Rock |
| Aug. 8 Jim Tones..... | Oldies |
| Aug. 15 R - Factor..... | Variety |

FREE!

12th Annual Scenic Tour de Trails

Sunday, July 29

The leisurely Tour de Trails bike ride celebrates Shoreview as a bicycle-friendly community and is a terrific way for family and friends to experience first-hand the exceptional bicycle paths that cover the length and breadth of the city. The event cost is \$7 per person or \$20 per family and includes a t-shirt for each participant. See www.shoreviewmn.gov for more information.



Slice of Shoreview Days 2012

July 27-29

Join in the three-day, family event celebrating everything Shoreview! See our back cover ad!

Turning History into a Landmark: City Restores Historic Gas Station

Driving by the Turtle Lake Elementary School and the Larson/Lepak House, you may have noticed a new addition. The City of Shoreview along with the Shoreview Historical Society recently completed reconstruction of the Historic Guerin Gas Station. Considered one of the oldest gas station buildings in Minnesota, the 10 x 12 foot steel building was likely constructed in the late 1910's or early 1920's near the dawn of the automobile area.

The small structure was salvaged after the garage went out of business many years ago and is one of a few remaining business structures from the city in the 1930s. The gas station was donated to the Shoreview Historical Society by Shoreview resident, Jack Haggenmiller. About two years ago the City hired Claybaugh Preservation Architects to review the history of the building, identify potential locations for the station and prepare plans for restoration of the building. During the past several months, ASI Re-View from Kansas City completed the restoration of the windows and door, and Les Jones Roofing from Bloomington, MN, completed the restoration of the painting and the steel structure.

Originally located at the northwest corner of Rice Street and North Owasso Boulevard, it is one of the few structures remaining from the early development of the Shoreview area. This Texaco station and North Owasso Garage were operated for many years by the Guerin family. The station was reportedly used by the Chicago gangsters such as Baby Face Nelson, Ma Barker and her gang traveling to lake cottages and clubs such as the Velvet Inn, Snail Lake Tavern and Turtle Lake Tavern. By the late 1930's the Guerin operation expanded to include a confectionary and grocery store, which was an early version of today's convenience stores.

The initial station was a 10-by 12-foot tin building fronted by old-style visible gas pumps that were hand-operated, with early gas prices running about 14-17 cents per gallon. Longtime Shoreview residents may remember the self-serve 24-hour milk cooler outside the station known as "Daisy the Cow," a landmark windmill built of old oil cans and the family's annual Fourth of July fireworks.

The Geurin Gas Station is now located at the Historic Lepak/Larson house at 1170 Lepak Ct, near the intersection of Lexington Avenue and County Road I. It can be seen by motorists traveling on County Road I behind the Lake Johanna Fire Station. This restoration landmark was funded by the Shoreview Historical Society, Shoreview Community Foundation and the City.



As shown above, the 1920's Texaco station was fronted by a canopy and old style gas pumps. The sign indicates that gas was priced at 17 cents per gallon.



As shown above left, here is the gas station as it was donated to the Shoreview Historical Society, in much need of repair.



As shown above right, here is the newly restored Geurin Gas Station.



Pictured above is member of the Shoreview Historical Society, Jacci Krebsbach, donating money to help the City pay for the restoration of the Gas Station to Shoreview Mayor, Sandy Martin.

Dates to Know

The Mayor's position and two Council seats will be on the ballot during the 2012 general election. The Mayor is elected to a two-year term council are elected for four-year terms. The Mayor's position is currently held by Sandra Martin and the Council positions are held by Blake Huffman and Ady Wickstrom.

State primary polls will open at 7 a.m. on Tuesday, August 14. The Minnesota primary will be held on Tuesday, August 14 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The primary is an election in which voters in a jurisdiction select candidates for a subsequent election.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

July 31 - Filing opens for candidates for City offices

August 14 - State Primary Election

November 6 - General Election

For more information on voting in Shoreview, visit our website. Under **Resources**, choose **Elections and Voting**.

Top 10 Election and Voting Questions Answered

1. When are the City Council Filing Dates? The City has the three council seats that will be elected during the 2012 election.

- Two-year Mayor term
- Four-year Council term
- Four-year Council term

Interested individuals must file affidavits of candidacy for the council between July 31 and August 14 at 5 p.m. The cost for filing is \$5.

2. When is the State primary? The Minnesota primary will be held on Tuesday, August 14 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The primary is an election in which voters in a jurisdiction select candidates for a subsequent election.

3. When is the General Election? The General Election is on Tuesday, November 6.

4. How can I find my precinct location? Shoreview has seven polling places, all of which are handicapped accessible. You must vote in the precinct in which you live. Shoreview's Voting Precinct Map is available online at www.shoreviewmn.gov/pdfs/maps/voting-precincts.

5. Can I absentee vote? You can vote by absentee ballot if you are unable to vote in person on Election day because you are:

- Away from your precinct on Election Day
- Have an illness or disability that prevents you from voting at your polling place
- Unable to vote on Election Day due to religious observance
- Serving as an election judge in a precinct other than your own

6. When does Absentee Voting begin? Absentee Voting begins on June 29 for the primary and on September 21 for the general election.

7. How do I Absentee Vote?

- To begin the process complete an Absentee Ballot Application, which is on our website, www.shoreviewmn.gov.
- You can vote in person or complete the entire process by mail.
- You must be a registered voter. If you are not, a voter registration card will be included with your ballot and must be returned.
- In-person Absentee Voting can occur at Shoreview City Hall or at Ramsey County, located at 90 West Plato Blvd. Suite 160, St. Paul, MN 55102
- Absentee ballots must be returned by Election Day to be counted.

8. Why do I have to register? You must register if you have:

- Never voted before
- Not voted in the last four years
- Moved since last voting, or
- Changed your name since last voting

9. When can I register? You can register at City Hall during normal business hours up to 21 days before an election. Pre-registration for the primary ends on July 24 and on October 16 for the general election. Eligible voters can also register at the polls on Election Day.

10. Where can I find more information on elections? Ramsey County Elections: <http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us/elections/index.htm>

Minnesota Secretary of State: <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/>

Shoreview Elections: www.shoreviewmn.gov, click on Resources

For more information, call 651-490-4750

slice of 2012 **SHOREVIEW DAYS** WILLKOMMEN

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Wednesday, July 25

4:00 - 6:30 pm Sponsors' Reception..... Kozlak's Royal Oak Restaurant

Friday, July 27

4 pm Slice of Shoreview 2012 opens..... Island Lake County Park
 3:30 pm - dark Helicopter Rides by Minnesota Helicopters Island Lake Elementary parking lot
 4 - 8 pm Art in the Park, Commercial Booths Throughout the Park
 4 - 10 pm Food Court..... Center parking lot
 4:30 - 5:30 pm Amy & Adams - *Eclectic/FolkRock/TinPanAlley/BluesGrass music* Main Stage
 5 - 8 pm Petting Zoo (free) and Pony Rides South Peninsula
 5 - 8 pm Bungy Trampoline & Climbing Wall..... Infield
 5 - 9 pm Bingo South Shelter
 5 - 10 pm Carnival..... South parking lot
 7 - 11 pm The Rockin' Hollywoods - *music from the 50s to ?*..... Main Stage
 *** NEW Friday night appearance!
 Dusk Fireworks!!..... Over the Lake



Saturday, July 28

8 am - 1 pm Pancake Breakfast Center Shelter
 9:30 am Parade lineup - Road closes at 9:30 a.m., new route..... Resurrection Lutheran Church parking lot
 10 am Slice of Shoreview Days Parade begins. Victoria Street - County Road D to Park
 Sponsored by Edina Realty
 10 am - 8 pm Art in the Park, Commercial Booths Throughout the Park
 10 am - 8 pm Petting Zoo (free) and Pony Rides South Peninsula
 10 am - 10 pm Food Court..... Center parking lot
 10 am - 10 pm Carnival..... South parking lot
 11:30 am - 1:15 pm DJ Cruze Main Stage
 Noon - 6 pm Large inflatables..... Infield
 Noon - 6 pm Lake Johanna Volunteer Fire Department Open House Fire Station
 Noon - 8 pm Bungy Trampoline & Climbing Wall..... Infield
 Noon - 9 pm Bingo South Shelter
 2 - 3:30 pm 451st Army Band and MusikCorps Band (Einhausen, Germany)..... Main Stage
 1 - 5 pm Minnesota Timberwolves Shootout (free)..... Infield
 2 pm - dark Helicopter Rides by Minnesota Helicopters Island Lake Elementary parking lot
 2 - 4 pm Slip 'n Slide..... Behind Fire Station
 5 - 7 pm Rock It Science - *the Ultimate 80's Music Experience* Main Stage
 8 - 11 pm High & Mighty - *high-energy 11-piece dance music*..... Main Stage
 Dusk Fireworks!!..... Over the Lake



Sunday, July 29

8 am Tour de Trails bike ride..... Deluxe parking lot
 8 am - 1 pm Pancake Breakfast Center Shelter
 9 am - 4 pm Volleyball Tournament..... North Volleyball Court
 10 am Church service..... South Shelter
 10 am - 4 pm Food Court..... Center parking lot
 11 am - 4 pm Art in the Park, Commercial Booths Throughout the Park
 11 am - 4 pm Bingo South Shelter
 11 am - 4 pm Carnival..... South parking lot
 Noon - 2 pm Slip 'n Slide..... Behind Fire Station
 Noon - 3:30 pm Car & Motorcycle Show Near North Shelter
 Noon - 3:45 pm DJ Cruze Near North Shelter
 Noon - 3:45 pm Roy Dawson & the Bootleggers Band Main Stage
 Noon - 4 pm Bungy Trampoline & Climbing Wall..... Infield
 Noon - 4 pm Helicopter Rides by Minnesota Helicopters Island Lake Elementary parking lot
 Noon - 4 pm Petting Zoo (free) and Pony Rides South Peninsula
 1 - 3 pm Slip 'n Slide..... Behind Fire Station
 3:45 pm Car Show awards..... Main Stage
 4 pm Slice of Shoreview 2012 closes..... Island Lake County Park



The Grass Can Be Greener on Our Side: Achieving a Sustainable Lawn

Most of us value our lawns for their many environmental, recreational and aesthetic benefits. However, when we neglect our lawns, we diminish or destroy these benefits. With a few maintenance and schedule adjustments, lawn care labor can be reduced without compromising the lawn's health. Here are some tips from Robert Mugaas, University of Minnesota Extension Educator of Environmental Horticulture, to help you achieve a "sustainable" lawn without the need for large, additional inputs of time and resources.

Healthy Soil Builds Healthy Lawns

Maintaining a healthy soil will improve both short and long-term lawn health. A mechanical core aerifier can relieve compaction where soils are hard and compressed.



Core aerification increases rooting depth, which in turn allows better access to soil water and nutrient reserves. This will also allow greater plant stress tolerance.

Mow Properly

- Maintain home lawns at 2.5 to 3 inches. This encourages greater depth of rooting and requires less frequent mowing.
- Removing no more than about one-third of grass blade growth helps maintain a more even, less demanding growth rate throughout the season. Mowing infrequently and/or removing large amounts of grass tissue at one time can seriously weaken or destroy the grass plant.
- Mulch your clippings – with regular mowing, grass clippings can be left on your lawn. As they decompose and release their nutrients, the clippings will provide the equivalent of 1 to 1.5 applications of fertilizer per season.

Provide Nutrients Only as Needed

- Depending on types of grasses and intended use, most lawns will benefit from the addition of fertilizer.
- Excessive amounts of "quick-release" nitrogen, especially when applied in the spring, will increase your lawn's demand for moisture, increase its frequency for needed mowing, and generally decrease stress tolerance into the warmer, dryer period of summer.
- Applying phosphorus to an existing lawn is not necessary. It is also bad for water quality and is a source of pollution in lakes and streams.

Watering Tips

- From June through August or early September, most lawns require 3/4 to one inch of water every week to 10 days. From about mid-April through May, and mid-September into early November, lawns may only require half (or less) of that amount, due to cooler temperatures and usually more frequent rainfall.

Managing Weeds

- A few weeds in an otherwise healthy, vigorous lawn are not a serious threat to the lawn's health. Always try to determine why weedy plants seem to thrive in certain locations, instead of grass – is it shady, dry, or too moist? Instead of reaching for an herbicide, try altering the growing environment to better suit grass growth over weeds. For example, in shady areas, try pruning some lower tree branches to allow more light to reach the ground and give grass a more competitive edge against weed invasion. Also, consider other ground covers or mulches when site conditions are unfavorable to successful grass growth.
- If only a few scattered broadleaf weeds such as dandelions or clover are present, spot-treat individual weeds, rather than applying a broadcast herbicide treatment over the entire lawn. This significantly reduces the amount of herbicide introduced into the environment and limits applicator exposure. Ready-to-use formulations, packaged in easy to use applicators, help eliminate the issues of mixing and disposing of chemicals.
- Choices in "non-chemical" or organic weed control methods are currently very limited. However, there is a new, natural organic weed control product known as corn gluten meal, which acts as a pre-emergent weed killer primarily for controlling crabgrass. It is becoming increasingly available at retail lawn and garden outlets.
- Physically removing broadleaf weeds by pulling or cutting can also be effective. Be sure to remove as much of the root system as possible to minimize the potential of re-growth.

Water restrictions are in effect from May 15-September 15. Residents with even numbered houses (last digit of house address) can water lawns on even number calendar days, and odd numbered houses on odd number calendar days.

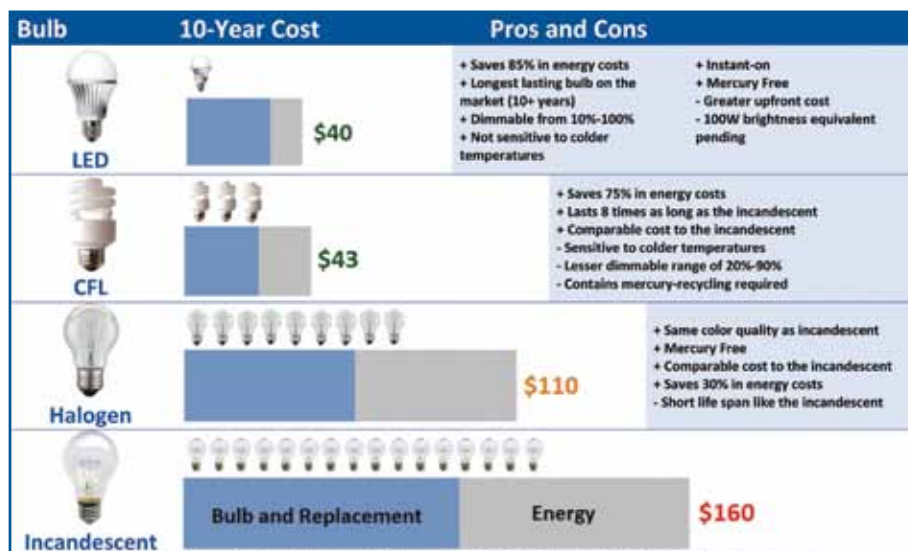
Light Up Your Life – the Right Way

We now have more lighting choices than ever before. The “Right Light Guide” from the Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERT) illuminates the main differences between types of light bulbs, their brightness, and how to read new labels.

The main new light bulbs are LED, CFL, and halogen

Which bulb you choose will depend on how much money you want to save, where you’ll use the bulb, and other preferences.

The chart below shows the 10-year cost of the different types of bulbs, how many replacement bulbs are necessary over 10 years, and the pros and cons of each.



Hint: Buy quality bulbs.

With so many new bulbs on the market, quality can vary. Look for the ENERGY STAR label when you’re buying efficient bulbs to ensure the quality of the light produced by the bulb and make sure it will have a long life.

Match the old bulb

You want your new bulb to shine the same as the old one. Start by identifying the wattage (like 60W, 75W) of your old incandescent bulb, and then convert to lumens. Lumen is the measurement of brightness, so find a bulb that matches in lumens, not watts.

For instance, you’ll replace an old 60W bulb with one that emits 800 lumens, such as a 13-16W CFL.

| Incandescent | Lumen | Halogen | CFLs | LEDs |
|--------------|-------|---------|--------|--------|
| 40W | ~450 | 29W | 9-13W | 4-5W |
| 60W | ~800 | 43W | 13-16W | 6-8W |
| 75W | ~1100 | 53W | 17-23W | 9-11W |
| 100W | ~1600 | 72W | 23-30W | 11-15W |

If in doubt about your old bulb, most household applications use around 800-1100 lumens.

← Least efficient Most efficient →

Remember, wattage (W) is the measure of the bulb’s energy consumption, but it doesn’t describe how bright a light is.

Find your new bulbs

- Write down the bulbs you need, and then head to the store.
- Remember to match the lumens on the Lighting Facts label with the lumens listed on your shopping list.
- The lumen output listed on packages may vary by up to 50-60 lumens, but the difference is insignificant and unnoticeable. For instance, 800 lumen and 860 lumen light bulbs will produce a similar brightness.

Hint: Consider Soft White or Warm.

For general-use interior lighting, look for a soft white or warm bulb, which will most closely match the color of traditional incandescent bulbs.

For more info, check out the online Handy Lighting Guide and Resources at <http://Lighting.MnCERTs.org>.

Fired-Up About Summer?

Summer is just around the corner, and many Shoreview residents are getting fired-up about it – including being able to spend pleasant evenings sitting by the flames of an outdoor fire, stargazing and sharing conversation with neighborhood friends and family.

But before sparking the flames of your recreational fire, be sure to check out Shoreview's website at <http://www.shoreviewmn.gov/resources/public-safety> for rules on open burning within city limits. These fire regulations are intended to maintain public health and safety, as well as to prevent wildfires.

Light Your Fire

First, be aware of local burning bans in effect, as well as wind speed – which must be below 10 miles per hour. Also, check with your neighbors about whether smoke from your fire might become a nuisance or possibly damage any of their property.

You can light things up with permitted starter fuels, including dry, untreated kindling; charcoal fire starter; paraffin candles; propane gas torches; or firewood such as dry, clean logs; untreated dimensional lumber; and

manufactured fireplace logs. Only clean, natural wood can be burned.

Remember: 3x3

Be sure to build your fire – no more than three feet high – at least 25 feet away from any building or combustible material.

Surround it with a “fire ring” of non-combustible material, such as rocks or bricks, no more than three feet in diameter.

A person knowledgeable in the use of fire extinguisher equipment must constantly attend the fire. An attendant must supervise the fire until it has been extinguished. Recreational fires do not require a permit; however, all other open fires do require one.

Become an expert with Shoreview's recreational fire regulations – read more online at <http://www.shoreviewmn.gov/resources/public-safety>. Then, sit back and enjoy the season in safety.



Scenic Tour de Trails Moving to Sunday

This summer, plan to set aside Sunday morning, July 29 to enjoy the City of Shoreview's Tour de Trails event. Returning for its 12th consecutive year, the annual bike ride is being moved from Saturday to Sunday morning – a change that will bring a new and exciting route, while avoiding conflict with the Slice of Shoreview parade.

The leisurely Tour de Trails bike ride celebrates Shoreview as a bicycle-friendly community and is a terrific way for family and friends to experience first-hand the exceptional bicycle paths that cover the length and breadth of the city. The enjoyable tour showcases the most scenic parkland the city offers, and participants will bypass busy roads and highways by using a series of bridges and tunnels on our trail system.

Suitable for family groups and casual cyclists alike, the short loop (8 miles) features off-road trails through Snail Lake Park. A flat and easy long loop (22-25 miles) will traverse Shoreview north to south, passing through both Snail Lake Park and Rice Creek Park. Participants will be able to customize the length of their rides by taking a short cut on the long loop.

The event cost is \$7 per person or \$20 per family and includes a t-shirt for each participant. You can pre-register at the City of Shoreview website at www.shoreviewmn.gov – **Online Payments**. Registration is also available on the day of the event, starting at 7:30 a.m. at the Deluxe Corporation parking lot, located across the street from Island Lake Park (under the water tower).

Remember that bicycle helmets are required for everyone; participants will not be allowed to sign in without one.



Home Energy Audits: An Interview with the newest member of Shoreview's Environmental Quality Committee

By Mike Prouty

One of the most significant things you can do to reduce their energy consumption is to have an energy audit of your home, and then take measures to improve the efficiency of your home energy use.

John Suzukida, the Shoreview Environmental Quality Committee's newest member, has personal experience in the area of home energy audits and shares his insights.

Q: What is an energy audit?

JS: An energy audit is like having a physical checkup of your house. It will reveal how much energy your house is using, and how efficiently it's using it. An audit gives you an objective assessment of your energy use, and recommendations about what you can do to improve it.

The energy auditor will use a heat sensor to detect where leakages occur in your house. He or she may also use a "blower door" test to measure how much leakage you have in your home.

You will then receive a report of the findings of the audit, based on the auditor's review and the test results. It will make recommendations on how to improve your home energy efficiency – for example, using more (or different) insulation, caulking, the replacement of windows, and the replacement of inefficient furnace, air conditioner, and hot water systems may be included in the report.

Q: How much does a home energy audit cost?

JS: Xcel's home energy audit costs \$100; I think that's a great deal! They subsidize the cost for their customers. There are also private companies that do energy audits... I'd suggest making sure the auditors are certified, or licensed, so that you know you have a professional, fully trained person conducting the audit.

Remember, \$100 is the cost of the audit itself, and doesn't include the cost of repairs or improvements recommended in the audit report.

Knowing how much energy you currently use is an important baseline to measure efficiency improvement.

Q: Why did you decide to have an audit?

JS: I made a lot of changes to my home to improve my energy efficiency, and I wanted to see the overall effectiveness of those changes beyond just the utility bill and also discover what I had missed. The blower-door test and the infrared tests are a great way to fine tune.

I'm in the process of evaluating the addition of solar collectors, and in that process, I learned that an audit is required to qualify for Xcel's rebate on solar collectors. So, I was ahead of the curve on that.

Q: What did you learn about your home? Any surprises?

JS: I learned that my house was tighter than the standard. Having a tightly sealed home, with very few leaks, is both a good and bad thing: Your house is energy efficient, but if a house is too tight, you may not get enough fresh air and subsequently experience air quality issues, or you may have problems with too much humidity in your house. In this case, you can install a product that exchanges your inside air with fresh outside air.

Q: Any final thoughts you'd like to add on this topic?

JS: I've done a lot of work on my home, including the installation of triple pane windows, a geothermal heat pump, and replacement of all incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent lights (CFL). This has reduced my home's energy consumption by 60%.

You can make huge changes in your home energy use. The single easiest change anyone can make to reduce it is to replace old incandescent light bulbs with CFLs or LEDs. These lights consume 75% less energy than incandescent bulbs.

Homeowners interested in energy efficiency can contact Xcel Energy's Home Energy Squad by calling 651-328-6220. The squad sends experts from the Neighborhood Energy Connection into your home to quickly assess its efficiency, and to install efficiency-boosting products — all in one visit. For more details, visit www.TheNEC.org.

Shoreview Goes Beyond the Yellow Ribbon



To support our troops, the City of Shoreview welcomes Beyond the Yellow Ribbon – a comprehensive program that connects our Nation's Service members and their families with community support, training, services and resources.

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon is united to bring Service members all the way home by:

- Creating awareness through the Yellow Ribbon Community Campaign and synchronizing sustainable community support networks
- Connecting and coordinating organizations, agencies and companies to provide resources and support to Service members and their families

- Delivering a series of formal Yellow Ribbon Training events to Service members and their families before, during and after deployment
- Providing an opportunity for Minnesotans to support Service members and their families

Shoreview is a member of the Suburban Ramsey County Network, which includes the following communities: Arden Hills, Falcon Heights, Gem Lake, Lauderdale, Little Canada, Maplewood, Mounds View, New Brighton, North Oaks, North St. Paul, Roseville, Shoreview, Vadnais Heights, White Bear Lake and White Bear Township. The Network is dedicated to providing vital support to Service members, veterans and their families in all of these cities.

Visit online at <http://www.beyondtheyellowribbon.org/suburban-ramsey-county> for more information.

Shoreview Neighborhoods Scheduled to Unite August 7

Shoreview residents and businesses are invited to join together Tuesday evening, Aug. 7 to build stronger neighborhood spirit and an even safer place to live.



The annual Night to Unite celebration builds and fosters important community bonds between citizens, businesses, and Shoreview's public safety providers, including the Ramsey County Sheriff's Department and Lake Johanna Fire Department. Each year, on the first Tuesday in August, the

statewide event gathers neighborhoods and public safety personnel together for a fun evening to meet one another and promote safe communities.

Night to Unite goals are to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- Generate support and participation in crime prevention and community policing programs
- Strengthen neighborhood spirits and public safety-community partnerships
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and looking out for one another

Proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable opportunity, Night to Unite also promotes police-community partnerships in pursuit of safer communities.

"It's a time when people can talk to us [police officers] without feeling like they're bothering us. It's a chance when you can get a deputy's ear, and you're not the victim of a crime, and we're not pulling you over," explained Ramsey County Crime Prevention Deputy John Eastham, who attends Night to Unite parties every year. "You're there because you want to be there, and we're there because we want to be there. We're people – it's us getting beyond the uniform, and you can just talk to us about things and ask us questions. It's nice, because there's nothing like that."

The result? "There's more of a connection – people are more likely to talk, which solidifies it more," said Eastham.

"It's also about meeting your neighbors – the big issue is getting out there and talking with them. The best people to look at your neighborhood and what's not normal, are the people who live there," he added. As neighbors get to know each other and public safety agencies that serve them, community benefits often extend beyond this single evening event.

Shoreview residents and businesses are encouraged to plan and hold a Night to Unite in their neighborhoods and to form neighborhood crime watch groups. For information on how to start planning your party, contact the Ramsey County Crime Prevention Unit at 651-266-7336 or email crimeprevention@co.ramsey.mn.us. You can also visit Ramsey County's Night to Unite resources web page at http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us/sheriff/crimeprevention/ntu_resources.htm.

Cope With Construction While Commuting

If rampant road construction projects are giving you a headache, you can bypass a lot of stress by staying informed – and ahead of the traffic.

Connect with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) online at <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/694expand/> and get important, real-time updates through email, Facebook and Twitter.

According to MnDOT, the I-694 Interchange Reconstruction project will address the following issues in our area:

- Lack of capacity throughout the corridor
- Inconsistent lane configuration
- Deteriorating pavement structure
- Deceleration and acceleration lanes
- Deficient bridges

Only one lane handles through-traffic at the interchange of I-694 and Hwy 51 (Snelling Avenue)/Hamline Avenue and Hwy 10 in Arden Hills. The combination of travel demand and this geometric deficiency (traffic weaving) results in safety issues and travel delays on the corridor, and has created one of the worst bottlenecks in the Twin Cities metro area. The project began Sept. 19, 2011. It rebuilds the interchange of I-694, Hwy 10 and Snelling Avenue/Hamline Avenue in Arden Hills.



Southbound traffic on Rice St., headed toward I-694 during morning rush hour – one of four projects scheduled to rebuild the I-694 Corridor between I-35E and I-35W.

Here's the schedule for upcoming projects:

Sept. 19, 2011 – Spring 2012: Bypass Construction and work on new alignments of eastbound and westbound I-694 in the current median of I-694.

Long-Term Traffic impacts:

- Southbound Hamline Ave. closed at Ramsey County Road F until Stage 3.

- Ramp from southbound Hamline Ave. to eastbound I-694 closed permanently

Summer 2012 – Winter 2012: Continue work on new eastbound and westbound I-694 in the current median of I-694

Long-Term Traffic impacts:

- Close northbound Snelling Ave. at County Road E (no access to I-694 or northbound Hamline Ave.) for 7 months, beginning April 2, 2012

Summer 2012 – Fall 2012: Work on Hamline Ave., Snelling Ave., loops and eastbound Hwy 10.

Long-Term Traffic impacts:

- Ramp from westbound I-694 to Hamline Ave. closes permanently (April 10, 2012)
- Close ramp from eastbound I-694 to southbound Snelling Ave. for 6 months, beginning June, 2012
- Close eastbound Hwy 10 at Ramsey County Road 96 for 6 months, beginning June, 2012
- Close the intersection of Hamline Ave. and County Road F for 1 month, beginning May, 2012
- Close ramp from eastbound I-694 to Lexington Avenue for 1 month, beginning October, 2012

Island Lake Bridges: Reconstruct both bridges in stages during Summer 2012. No boat traffic under I-694 for 6 months.

Long-Term Traffic impacts:

- Close Victoria Street ramp to westbound I-694 for 2-1/2 months, beginning June, 2012

Motorists should expect additional off-peak and weekend closures throughout the duration of the project. Contract completion is November 2013.

Winter 2012-13 – Nov. 2013: Work on westbound Hwy 10 and complete westbound I-694

Long-Term Traffic impacts:

- Close eastbound I-694 to Victoria Street for 9 months, beginning September, 2012
- Close westbound I-694 ramp to westbound Hwy 10 for 1 year, beginning November, 2012
- Close Lexington Avenue to westbound I-694 for 6 months, beginning April, 2013

A project to widen the Lexington Avenue bridge crossing I-694 will also begin in 2012.

**NOTE: All dates are subject to change*



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